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1. The USSR has offered to finance, build, maintain and operate a gasoline pipeline from Termez, USSR, into Afghanistan as far south as Purl-i-Khumiri Khumri. The Soviets have also offered, if the pipeline is approved, to furnish all the defensive weapons Afghanistan would need to resist any enemy.
2. The Government of Afghanistan (GOA) has rejected these offers. However a strong element within the government feels that if Pakistan continues its present economic blockade, the GOA will be forced into the USSR agreement.
3. The Afghan peoples of the northern provinces are distressed about the new Afghan-Soviet agreement. First they foresee that the government will take their produce at a fixed price lower than the current market price in Kabul. Second, the movement of Soviets across the Afghan-Soviet border will be increased, as well as their activities in Northern Afghanistan.

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